



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appln. Of: MELLER ET AL

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For: SEALING RING AND SEALING RING ARRANGEMENT

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Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests that the following amendments be made to the above identified application prior to the examination thereof by the Examiner, and prior to the calculation of fees.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.